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1. The Langensalza Alert Unit, a heavily armed infantry force, is considered to be the offensive component of the Thuringian Volkspolizei. It is regarded as a cadre for an infantry division under the basic organizational plan of the NVA.

2. Organization:

a. Alert Unit Command:

Commander-Inspector [redacted] 25X1
Political Culture Leader - [redacted] 25X1
Deputy Commander - A Russian of unknown name, about 45;

b. Staff Heads:

Training Commander - Oberrat Heinz Kresse
Recruiting Commander - Oberrat Wunderlich
Personnel Commander - Oberrat Guenther
Liaison Officer - Oberkommissar Herbert Weidemann

c. Administration:

Intendant - Inspector Hartmut Grimm, [redacted] 25X1
Financial Head - Oberkommissar Heinz Wolff [redacted] 25X1
Commissary Head - Oberkommissar Ewald Bauer [redacted] 25X1
Head for Clothing - Oberkommissar Franz Lang [redacted] 25X1
Head for Machines - Oberkommissar Stranzkow [redacted]
Head for Weapons and Munitions - Oberkommissar Herbert Heineber [redacted]
Head for Transport Maintenance - Oberkommissar Baecker [redacted] 25X1
Transport Head - Kommissar Behrens. The transport head has a staff sergeant as an assistant and 22 drivers.

3. It should be noted that 96% of the personnel of the unit was originally made up of former prisoners in Russia. In May 1949, when the force was reorganized into a Free German Youth unit, it was moved from Meiningen to Langensalza. In September of that year 750 border guards were added to it. Friction broke out between the two elements, but it was brutally repressed. The equipment of the unit includes the following items: 7 pre-war Opels, 7 pre-war VW Kuebels, and 4 new Horch cars; six 105 mm and 4.75 mm mortars of German make.

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4. T/O of the Alert Unit:

	Officers	NCO	Enlisted
Command	3		
Staff	6	8	
Administration	9	12	25
Medical	1	3	
Intelligence	3	7	10
Commissary	2	2	3
Staff Commando	13	14	60
1st Commando	15	26	132
2nd Commando	12	29	125
3rd Commando	14	25	128
4th Commando	16	23	98
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Only the 1st Commando is at full strength.

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